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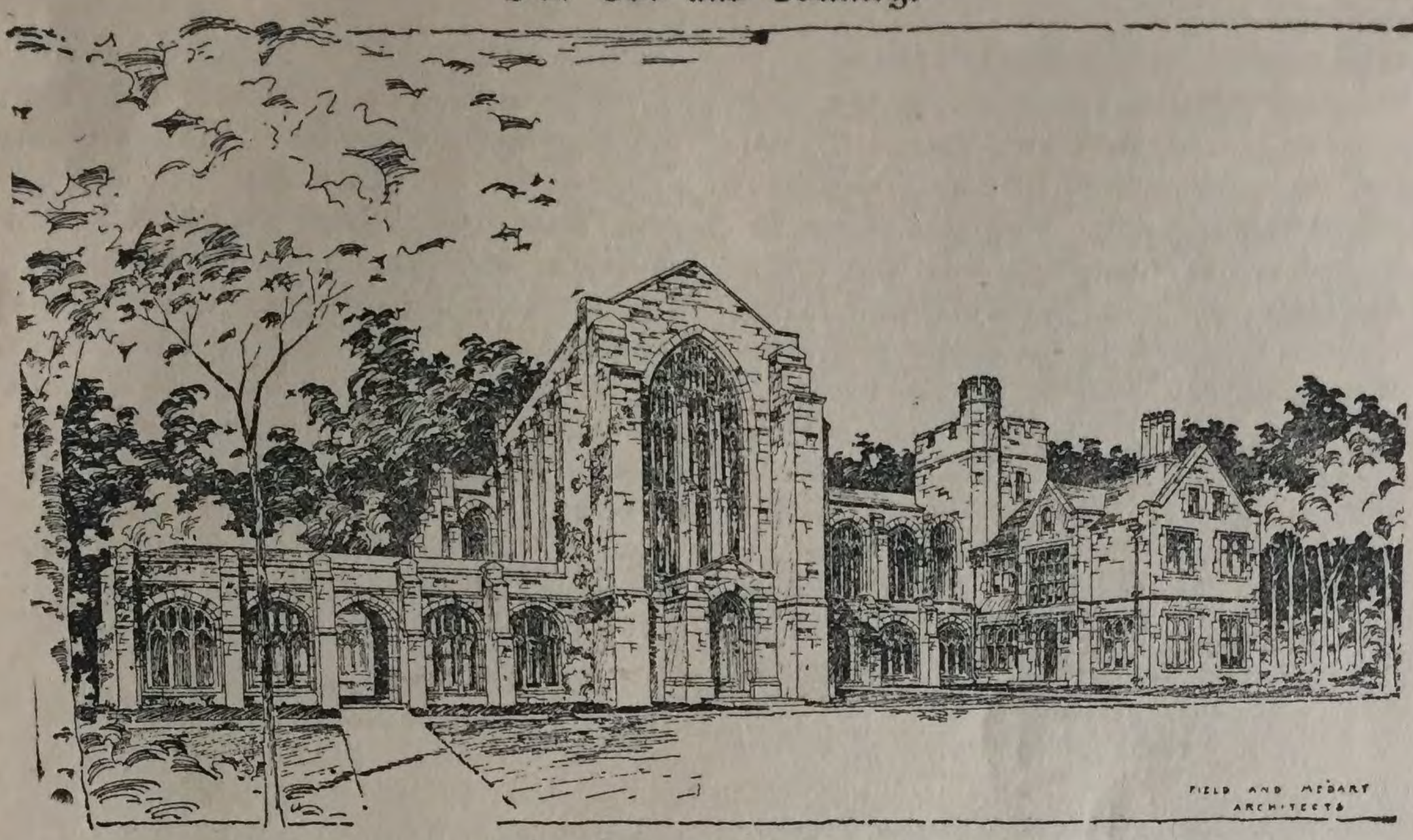

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Rectory.

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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The Washington Chapel Cemetery.

The Nation is looking forward to Memorial Day, and extensive preparations are being made for the proper celebration of that day set apart for the commemoration of those to whom so much of our national greatness and prosperity are due under God. Here at Valley Forge the day has the greatest significance, for on these hills lie the unknown graves of those who were denied the glory of a death in some victorious charge—some moment of glorious triumph—but who amid the pestilence and filth, in the dark hour of discouragement and gloom, met their death in the rude hospitals and poverty stricken hovels because of their devotion to their Country's honor.

It is well to remember these men on Memorial Day. But their deeds without those of the Defenders of the Union would have been of little avail, and so at Valley Forge there should be some memorial of those who gave permanence to the work of the heroes of the Revolution.

By the action of the Washington Mem-

orial Chapel congregation this will be done. When these patriots of the present met to consider the work in which they are engaged for God and country it was decided that the next step in the development of the work was the establishment of the Washington Chapel Cemetery. Loyal to the memory of those who built the Nation, as the group of memorial buildings testifies, the congregation is as loyal to those who maintained it, and the resolution setting apart one acre of the ground to be acquired for the cemetery for the burial of veterans of the Civil War and their widows, and another for the veterans of the Spanish-American War and their widows is worthy of the spirit of Valley Forge.

This action is one of national importance. By it the Washington Chapel Cemetery will be given to a national and semi-military character, and Valley Forge itself will be made more than ever dear to the hearts of patriotic Americans, by its memories of the sacrifices of the patriots made to preserve the liberty for which the men of Valley Forge so heroically suffered.

To make the relation between Builders and Defenders more real to all who visit Valley Forge the congregation proposes to build a memorial gateway, corresponding to the "Cloister of the Colonies," but dedicated to the memory of "The Defenders of the Union."

George Clifford Thomas.

In the death of Mr. George Clifford Thomas, the Washington Memorial Chapel has lost a devoted and generous friend. The noble Virginia Bay will always stand as a monument to his generosity, courtesy, patriotism and devotion to the missions of the Church of Christ. Convinced that the Virginia Bay should be built during the celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, and knowing that the Virginia Churchmen were severely taxed to meet the expenses entailed in the Jamestown Exposition, the entertainment of the General Convention and the restoration of their many Colonial churches, he decided to give the Bay. But first, with rare courtesy, he wrote to ask the Bishops of Virginia if he might have the privilege of thus honoring the patriots of their State. His thought of the Virginia Bay and what it stood for is well expressed in the inscription which he wrote for it and which is so beautifully carved in the structural stone as follows:

To the Glory of God
in Honor of the unfaltering Heroism
of the Father of his Country
and the brave Virginians
who so faithfully stood by him
in this Valley,
and in sincere Appreciation of
the Devotion of the
Churchmen of the
Commonwealth of Virginia
to the Missions of the Church,
and especially in giving themselves
to this Great Cause,
this Bay is erected by
George Clifford Thomas,
June 19, 1907

Mr. Thomas was not permitted to see his gift until Washington's Birthday of this year. It is needless to say that he was well satisfied with a memorial which has been so greatly admired. Indeed he had only words of the warmest praise for all he saw that day. As he expressed it to one of the members of the congregation: "This work has been well begun. It must be finished in the same manner."

Mr. Thomas was not only the largest contributor to the constructive work; he was deeply interested in the Museum, the Library and the Chronicle. The picture "Baron Steuben at Valley Forge," described in our last number, was his gift. His last gifts to the Chapel were copies of his books "Autograph Letters and Autographs of the Signers of the

Declaration of Independence," and "The Charter of Liberties from William Penn to the Freemen of the Province of Pennsylvania." He greatly increased the value and importance of our little monthly by graciously permitting his Valley Forge Orderly Book to be printed in its pages.

Entering so fully into the work at Valley Forge and sympathizing so thoroughly with all for which this work stands, his loss in inspiration and in material assistance is incalculable. With his famliy, the Commonwealth and the Church we mourn the loss of a true friend who wrote the record of his works in the fleshy tables of the heart, as well as on the pages of the history of the State and Church—a record of love, patriotism and religion.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The Board of Missions Urges Its Completion.

This Decision, in Reference to Washington Memorial, Reported to the Episcopal Convention in Philadelphia.

At the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania held in Philadelphia on May 4th and 5th the Board of Missions gave great impetus to the work at Valley Forge and aroused the enthusiasm of the many friends of this important mission by recommending the completion of the Washington Memorial Chapel in this anniversary year.

The Board said that the policy of concentrating the efforts of the diocese on a single mission until its work was put on a firm foundation had been found to be most wise, and then went on to say: "The Board in this connection would suggest in this anniversary year the completion of the Valley Forge Memorial Chapel, an undertaking which should especially appeal to churchmen of this diocese. To erect a church where the patience and endurance of one of our members bore its splendid fruition would well mark the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of our diocese."

The Rev. Roberts Coles, Dean of the Convocation of Norristown in his official report had also given great prominence to the Valley Forge work. He said:

"The Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, a mission of the Convocation in that a part of the salary of the minister-in-charge is paid by it, is, nevertheless, under the rector of All Saints', Norristown, to whom it owes its origin and success. There is need to say little of it, for it is known throughout the country, but it will be interesting to know that during the year a memorial pulpit, lectern, and perclose have been added to the beautiful memorials. There is no difficulty in getting memorials, but the necessary money to complete the chapel comes in slowly. It is an enterprise much too large for the Convocation to handle financially and should commend itself to the munificence of the whole church."

Dean Coles made a strong appeal for the work in his able address before the Convention. He said that more than $27,000 had been spent in the purchase of ground, the erection of the temporary chapel (now used as a parish house), and in the erection of the present permanent chapel (which is up to the window sills) and in building the "Cloister of the Colonies." The mission has an endowment of $1300. It is not merely a monument to dead men; it is a living work. Its Sunday school has more members than that of any mission outside the city of Philadelphia. There are sixty-three communicants and there is every reason to believe that in the near future the mission will be a self-supporting parish.

As the Board of Missions consists of the Bishops, the Deans of the Convocations and the representatives of the Convocations there is no doubt but that the chapel at Valley Forge will soon be completed.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania is abundantly able to complete the chapel, and even if the anniversary funds do not amount to the full $125,000, it is believed that the $15,000 asked for will be contributed for this great work.

The Cemetery.

The special meeting of the congregation called to consider plans for a cemetery met at the Chapel on Saturday, April 17, the Rev. Mr. Burk presiding. The Rev. Mr. Finn was elected secretary.

Mr. Burk clearly stated the arguments for the cemetery and the difficulties attending the work, and the matter was freely discussed by all present. The result was a resolution offered by Mrs. Leslie Jefferis confirming the decision of the previous meeting that a cemetery would be an advantage and that the congregation request the Vestry of All Saints' Church to take title to twenty acres of land adjoining the present property, and appoint trustees to hold the same for the Washington Memorial Chapel congregation. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

This action was made possible by Mrs. Sarah S. Zulich, who has done so much to foster and further the work of the mission. In appreciation of Mr. Burk's efforts for the spiritual welfare of the people of the mission she appealed some time ago for funds for a testimonial window to witness to his work. The fund amounted to nearly four hundred dollars, and as the money was not being used and Mr. Burk was anxious to complete the plans for the mission by the purchase of ground for a cemetery, she suggested the use of the money, with the consent of the donors, and made the fund up to $400. The Martha Washington Guild through Mrs. Hughes and Miss Pechin, offered to add $100. The congregation decided that these sums should be restored as the lots were sold. The balance in Mrs. Zulich's hands amounts to $5.55, consisting of a contribution and interest.

Instead of taking title through the Vestry the Rev. Mr. Burk, Mr. Frank Quigg, Mr. Leslie Jefferis, Mr. Charles Wells Walker and Mrs. Sarah S. Zulich purchased the ground from Mr. William Stephens, the title passing through Mr. William O. Rumford, for the sum of $3000, using the $500 mentioned above, and borrowing $2500 of the Montgomery Building and Loan Association, of Norristown. The papers were signed on Monday, May 10. Muscoe M. Gibson, Esq., and Theodore Lane Bean, Esq., made the searches and drew up the papers, etc., without cost to the congregation, a courtesy which is greatly appreciated.

The congregation unanimously voted to set apart one acre of the land acquired for the burial of veterans of the Civil War and their widows, and another acre for the burial of veterans of the Spanish-American War and their widows. The handsome gateway will be made a memorial of the Defenders of the Union.

A large portion of the money paid for each lot will be set apart as an endowment fund for the perpetual care of the cemetery, so that purchasers will be assured that the cemetery will always be kept up in the best manner. Indeed every effort will be made to make it one of the most beautiful in the country. Already applications have been received for lots.

Memorial Day Suggestion.

You can find no more fitting way to celebrate Memorial Day than by sending a contribution to the Rev. Mr. Burk for the Memorial Gateway to the Defenders of the Union. Special certificates will be issued for contributions towards this patriotic object.

"Went to church, heard Bishop White preach, and see him ordain two gentlemen Deacons, after which rid eight miles in the country and dined with Mr. John Ross, in Chester county."—Washington's Journal, June 17, 1787.

Washington Memorial Chapel,
Valley Forge, Pa.

THE REV. W. HERBERT BURK
MINISTER IN CHARGE,
ALL SAINTS RECTORY, NORRISTOWN.

THE REV. FRANCIS T. H. FINN
ASSISTANT,
PORT KENNEDY.

Mr. Frank Quigg, Treasurer,
Port Kennedy, Pa.

Mr. Leslie Jefferis,
Treasurer of the Building Fund,
Bridgeport, Pa.

William Rumford, Sexton.

Sundays.

2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.

Second Sunday of the month, 10.30 A. M. Service, Sermon and Holy Communion.

Stewart Fund Hall

Sundays.

10.00 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

11.00 A. M. Service and Sermon.

Calendar.

MAY.

17. Fifth Sunday after Easter.
    Sixth Anniversary of the Establishment of the Mission.
    Offering for the Endowment Fund.
17. Rogation Day.
18. Rogation Day.
19. Rogation Day.
20. Ascension Day.
    10 A. M. Holy Communion.
21. Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Convocation of Norristown.
    11 A. M. Service and Address in the Chapel.
    2.30 P. M. Business Meeting.
23. Sunday after Ascension Day.
30. Whitsunday.
31. Monday in Whitsun-week. Memorial Day.
    3 P. M. Memorial Service and Decoration of Memorials and Monument.

JUNE.

1. Tuesday in Whitsun-week.
2. 2 P. M. Meeting of the Washington Chapel Guild at the Patterson Place.
4. Ember Day.
5. Ember Day.
    Fete at the Patterson Place.
6. Trinity Sunday.
11. St. Barnabas the Apostle.
    10 A. M. Holy Communion.
13. First Sunday after Trinity.

Honor Roll for April.

The names of those missing no session of the Sunday School through the month of April follow:

Bible Class.—Mr. E. T. Boggs, teacher—Miss Jane Stoddart, Mrs. Warriner, Mrs. Pechin.

Class No. 2; Girls Class.—Miss A. W. Pechin, teacher—Eleanor Andrews, Martha Andrews, Hilda Bean, Alva Andrews.

Class No. 3; Boys' Class.—Rev. F. T. H. Finn, teacher—Robert Colgan, Frank Zann, Ernest Stabler, Aleck Stephens, John Colgan, Charles Gebhardt, Willie Stephens, David Beynon, George Douglas, John Hughes.

Infant Class.—Miss Mary S. Stephens, teacher—Margaretta Gebhardt, Edna Zann, Ruth Epright.

Total, 24.

"An Afternoon in a Country Village" will be held on the Patterson Lawn, Port Kennedy, Saturday, June 5th, from 2 o'clock until 7, for the benefit of the Washington Memorial Chapel Guild. Tickets 10 cents, including ice cream. The Village Inn, the Country Store, Laundry, Tea Garden, Gypsy Camp and "Joy Riders" over the Boulevard will be some of the attractive features of the entertainment. Trains reach and leave Betzwood and Port Kennedy stations at

convenient hours. Easy walking distance from the station.

Washington Memorial Chapel.

Parochial Report from May 1, 1908, to May 1, 1909.

The following report was presented to the Bishops of the Diocese, May 1, 1909:

The Rev. W. Herbert Burk, B. D., Minister in charge. All Saints' Rectory, Norristown Pa.

The Rev. Francis T. H. Finn, Assistant. Port Kennedy, Pa.

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS. — Baptisms, adults 5, infants 2; total, 7; whole number of baptized persons, 155; confirmed, male 1, female 11; total, 12; added, new 12, by transfer 2; present number of communicants, 63; marriages, 1; burials, 3; public services, Sundays 110, other days 60; total, 170; holy communion, 29; children catechised, times, 40; Sunday school and Bible classes, officers and teachers 12, scholars 148, total membership, 160; other Parish agencies, officers 12, members 75; chapel building 1, sittings 100; parish and school buildings, 1; salary of Assistant, per annum, $1000.00; of which from Convocation or Sustentation Fund, $625.00; arrears of salary, none; total number of free sittings, all.

RECEIPTS.—From Convocation, $625.00; offerings for Parish purposes, $675.73; offerings for purposes outside the Parish, $7.67; donations, $4051.37; income from investments, $25.64; Sunday school, $73.99; Woman's Auxiliary, $5.00; received for Endowment Fund, $600.00; from all other sources, $1302.61; total receipts, $7367.01.

May 1, 1908, cash balance, $913.07; May 1, 1909, cash balance, $1144.90.

EXPENDITURES.—Parochial: Current expenses (including all salaries, fuel, light, ordinary repairs, etc.), $1709.60; improvements, $4430.96; payment of debts, $50.00; for the poor, $25.00; added to Endowment Fund, $815.64; all other parochial expenditures, $24.45; total parochial, $7055.65. Diocesan: Episcopal and Convention Fund, $6.73; missions, Convocation, $25.00; Jews, $3.32; Episcopal Hospital, $4.35; total Diocesan, $39.40. Extra Diocesan: Missions, Sunday school offering, $40.13; total Diocesan, $40.13; total expenditures for all objects, $7135.18.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.—Estimated aggregate value of Parish property, real and personal, $27,000.00; encumbrances, on church edifice, none; on other buildings and lands used for Parish purposes, none; other indebtedness, $2800.00; Endowment Fund, for support of Parish, $1304.37.

OTHER INFORMATION.

The past year has been marked by the dedication of the Maryland Bay in the "Cloister of the Colonies," given by Mr. James E. Mitchell, of Philadelphia; and dedicated by his son the Rev. James C. Mitchell, acting for Bishop Whitaker; the gift of the Continental Army Pew, by the Colorado Society, Daughters of the Revolution; and the dedication of the beautiful Indiana limestone pulpit, lectern and perclose, given by Mrs. Mary Harry Wood, in memory of her late husband, Alan Wood, Jr., and to commemorate Washington's services as Church Warden and Lay Reader. These memorials were dedicated by Bishop Whitehead on Washington's Birthday. On the same day the Valley Forge Museum of American History was formally opened in connection with the Chapel.

To accept the gift of Mrs. Wood it was necessary to build the foundations of the choir and sanctuary, entailing an indebtedness of $2800. The pledges for future work chiefly memorials, amount to $10,350. The Massachusetts Bay will be dedicated June 19.

The regular monthly meeting of the guild was held in the parish house Wednesday, May 5th. Twelve members were present. A new member, Mrs. Albert Roussell, was enrolled. Great interest was shown in the opening of the Birthday Box which was found to contain $7.28 for six months' time. Mrs. Charles Wells Walker, head of the Missionary Chapter, reported twenty-one members in the Chapter. The most important business before the meeting was the arrangement of details for the June entertainment. The meeting adjourned to meet Wednesday, June 2d, at the Patterson Place, Port Kennedy.

"George Washington, the highest human personation of justice and benevolence."—William Henry Seward.

A VALLEY FORGE ORDERLY BOOK

Printed by Courtesy of Its Owner, Mr. George Clifford Thomas.

Head Quarters Valley Forge January 6th, 1778.

Major Genl Green
Brigadier Genl.....Poor
Field Officers.....Col. Gray, Major Varoon
Brigade Major.....Alden.....

The difficulty of procureing forrage for such horses as must Necessarily be detained for the Common purposes of the Camp Obliges the Commander in Chief to call upon The Genl officers & Command officers of Regiements; to see that no officers under their Respective Commands (except those who are allowed forrage by Congress)—And even to them it is Recommended to part with Their Horses if they can Does under any pretense Whatever Keep a Horse in Camp, The plea of doing it at their Own expence will not be admitted as the Evil Thereby will not be Remidied. A Strict Compliance With this order is expected from every officer.—

The Qr. M. Gl. is without delay to send for the Iron Ovens provided by Mr. Erskin and deliver one to each Brigade. He will Know at Head Quarters where they Now Lay.—The Genl in Riding thro the Encampment Observing that many Hutts were cover'd with Tents whilst Chimneys were Building to others Again Repeats His orders to have the Tents deliver'd up the moment The hutts are or can be Compleated to the doing of wch He will only allow this week, and he expects from the Genl Officers Commanding the Wings & the Second line, That they will put this into a Train of execution and see That the order is Complyed with.—The Spirits which the Commander in Chief ordered to be Seiz'd may be dliv'd By the Commissary, to the officers in due proportion.—Colo Daves who was nearly Ruined by the Enemy complains That the Remains of his Buildings are likely to be distroyd By this army.—The Commanderin Chief Positively Forbids The least Injury to be done to the Walls & Chimneys of Colo. Dewins Buildings; And as divers Iron plates have been Taken from thence the Commanding officers of Corps are immediately to Inspect all the Hutts in their Regiements And make Return to the Qr Mr Genl of all they can find And the Names of the persons in whose Possession they are found, that they may be Restored when demanded.—The Regiemental Surgions are Immediately to make Return to Doct Cockren Surgion Genl of all the men in the Regiements who have not had the small pox they Will also call on Docr Cockran for what Sulpher they need for the use of their Regits.—At a Genl Court Martial held on the 2d Inst in Genl Varnams Brigade which Major Ward was president. Ensign Benjn Arnold of Colo Angells Regiement Charg'd with Getting drunk and behaveing in a disorderly & unsoldierlike manner In Camp on the 6th Decr Refusing to return To his quarters when ordered by the Colo Sending him for Answer, that he would go when he pleased & not before. And also with Refuseing to do his duty when Regularly warned and threatning to leave the service, whither he could get a discharge or not.—On the 24th of the month Was tryed and adjudged Guilty of the Whole and by the Court Unanimously sentenced to be Cashiered with Infamy to be rendered ever hereafter Incapable of holding A Commission in the Continental service and that it Shall be Accounted Scandilous for an officer to hold A friendly Correspondence with him.—

A Subn & 8 men from Mechlenburghs & Genl Glover's Brigade; & Eight men from every other Brigade in Camp, To Parade To-morrow Morning at 9 OClock Precisesly by themselves on the Grand Perade; Such men are to be Selected as Know how to Thrash and

that are in full health, They are to Releive the like party under Colo Bayards Command; To take with them Their Arms, Blanketts and other necessarys The Commander in Chief is Informed that Gameing is again Creeping into the Army in a more Especial manner Among the Lower Staff; In the Invirons of the Camp He therefore in the most Solemn terms Declares, that this Vice in either Officers or Soldiers, when detected shall not escape Exemplary Punishmnt & to distinguish betwixt play & Gameing forbids Cards & dice under any Pretention.—Being also inform'd that many men are Rendered unfitt for duty, by the Itch He Orders & directs The Regiemental Surgions to Look attentively into This Matter and as soon as the Men who are affected With this disorder are properly Disposed in Hutts to have Themselves Anointed for it.—

All Issuing Commissaries are carefully to Save all the Horns, of the Cattle & have them Separated from the Bones and then Return'd to The Quarter Masr Genl who is to Store them.—

A Detachment of a Capt & Forty men from Each Brigade are to attend the Execution of John Rieley on the Grand Parade To-morrow forenoon.—

John Berion Esq. is appointed Brigade Major to the North Carolinea Brigade and is to Be respected as such.—At a Genl Court Martial held the 5th inst. in Genl Muchlenburghs Brigade of which Lt. Colo Ball was president Ensn Cook of the first Virgenea Regt charged with denying Upon Oath what he formerly and has since said He knew Respecting Capt. Crumps behaviour thereby Acting Inconsistently with Honr & Truth was Tryed & found Guilty of the Charge and by the unanimous Oppinion of the Court Sentenced to be discharged from the Service.—

The Commander in Chief approves the Sentence & Orders it to be put in execution forthwith.—The Brigades May Receive their Quotoes of Nails at the Qr Masr Gnls Store.—Each brigade is to make a Return Immediately of Armourers therein to the Adjutant Genl. A flagg to go into Philadelphia To-morrow morning at 9 OClock from the Qrs of the Commissary Genl of Prisoners; The Spirits mentioned in the orders of the 6th Inst have not yet come into the Commissaries hands. (The waggons sent for that purpose being employ'd by Genl Smallwood). Notice will be given when they arrive.

The Commander in Chief Approves the Sentence and orders It to be executed.—At a Genl Court Martial Held in Genl Weedens Brigade on the 4th Inst Whereof Lt. Colo Simms was president.—John Rilley a Soldier in the 2nd Virginia Regiemnt Charged With Deserting from the Guard and takeing with him Two Prisoners in Irons was Tryed, found Guilty of the Crime whereof he was Charged & therefore Sentenced To suffer death.—The Commander in Chief Approves The Sentence and orders it to be put in Execution next Friday at 10OClock in the forenoon near the Grand Parade.—

Head Quars Valley Forge Jany 7th, 1778.

Four days fresh provision are to be Issued to the Troops forthwith.—The Q. M. G. is to apply to the Adjutant General, for a Fatague party and Cause all Dead Horses in and about the Camp and all offell to be Buried, after which each division Quarter Master Is to see this Regularly Performed Once a Week in & Near their Own divisions.—The officers Commanding Divisions are Required to Know if this order is Complyed with.—The Depy Clothier Genl desires those Brigade Qr. Mrs. and officers who lately drew the Clothing at White Marsh for the Brigades & have not yet Given in the Regiemental Receipt for their proportion Produce them to him Immediately.—He also Requests

All persons haveing Private Accts with him to call And Settle the same.—
Head Quarters Valley Forge Jany 6th,

1778.

To perade to-morrow Morning at sunrise on the Grand Parade from thence March to Fortlands Ford where They will Receive Genl Sullivans Orders.—

[To be continued.]

The Valley Forge Fair.

The fair held at Valley Forge for the Building Fund proved a great success and those who had charge of it are proud of the results. The fancy table was in charge of Miss Stoddart and Miss Cutler, whose sales amounted to $15.35. The Fish Pond, in charge of two little girls, netted $1.50. Mrs. Hoy had charge of the cake and candy table, and her receipts were $19.20. Many instead of contributing articles gave money to the amount of $32.45. Already $68.50 have been given to the treasurer of the Building Fund, and this will be increased as Mrs. Hoy has a number of fancy articles on sale at the Mansion House, Valley Forge. Among these are post cards, jigsaw puzzles, books and Valley Forge Guides.

In addition to those at the head of the movement, Mrs. Hoy, Miss Stoddart and Miss Rose Cutler, the following helped to make the fair a success: Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Zulich, Mrs. Charles Walker, Mrs. Colket Walker, Mrs. A. Kendall, Miss McFarland, Mrs. L. Jefferis, Mrs. N. Hughes, Mrs. F. M. Bean, Mrs. Hedricks, Miss Pechin, Miss Lutes, Miss R. Walker, Miss M. Walker, Miss Cutler, Mrs. Summerill, Miss Quander, and Mr. Cutler, who kindly loaned a house for the fair.

We would ask our readers who have not done so, to please renew their subscriptions at their earliest convenience.

THE PATRIOTS' HALL.

The Founders' Certificates.

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Jane Douglass Chapter, Dallas, Texas	5 00
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	$482.00

"To give an opinion about Washington seems to me about like giving an opinion on Truth, or Honor, or Patriotism."—Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward.

Pews of the Patriots.

THE GENERAL JAMES POTTER PEW.

The pew mentioned in the last number of the Chronicle is the gift of Mr. Alan D. Wilson, of Philadelphia. The pew will be a memorial of his grandfather, General James Potter. General Potter, or Colonel Potter as he was then, was wounded in the Battle of Princeton, January 3, 1777. On the 5th of April, 1777 he was made Brigadier-General of the Pennsylvania Militia, and during the winter of '77 and '78 commanded the troops in the neighborhood of Philadelphia. He and his men were commended in General Orders by Washington for their bravery in the engagement with the British at Matteon's Ford.

THE COLONEL JOHN NIXON PEW.

Mrs. Charles Custis Harrison, of Philadelphia, has given the Colonel John Nixon Pew in memory of her forefather. Colonel Nixon was one of the leading patriots of Philadelphia and played a most important part in the events that led up to the Revolution. He took part in the Battle of Princeton and was with Washington at Valley Forge. His connection with the Declaration of Independence is most interesting. "On July 4 Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence on the 5th it was ordered that it should be proclaimed in each of the United States and at the head of the army, on the 6th the committee of safety ordered that it should be read and proclaimed at the state-house on Monday, July 8, at noon. At that time and place, by popular appointment, John Nixon read and proclaimed to the people publicly for the first time the Declaration of Independence."

A Memorial Door.

Colonial Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, of Philadelphia, which built the replica of the soldiers' hut near the Chapel, and which cares for the Waterman monument, is now to be represented in the Chapel. It has decided to give the front door. This will be made of heavy oak, and carved on it will be the Washington arms, those of the United States, the Daughters of the Revolution, etc. The furnishings will be of heavy cast bronze. The inscription of dedication will be carved in the oak. The door with the endowment will cost $550. This is a noble gift for one chapter to make and ought to stimulate others to give generously for Valley Forge.

Standard of the Washington Guards.

Through Mr. S. Gordon Symthe, of West Conshohocken, Mrs. Emma C. Jones, of Norristown, has presented the standard of the Washington Guards to the Valley Forge Museum of American History. The standard is of blue silk, about five feet long and four feet wide. On one side is a picture of Washington on horseback, and the other side is decorated with flags and drums, etc., tastefully grouped. The flag will be placed between two sheets of glass to preserve it from further deterioration.

The Washington Guards took part in the encampment at Paoli, which is pictured in the lithograph given by Dr. Alfred W. Read, and is mentioned among the militia companies. Mr. Smythe says "the company was organized during or after the War of 1812, and was last commanded by Captain John Wagner, the grandfather of Mrs. Jones, the donor. Captain Wagner was a soldier in the war of the Revolution." The Wagners lived in the vicinity of Gulph Mills. Mr. Smythe adds that the company went to Philadelphia to take part in the reception to General Lafayette in 1824.

"Washington invested everything he touched with a kind of sacredness."—Von Holst.

Cloister of the Colonies.

THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY.

On the anniversay of the battle of Lexington the Massachusetts Society, Sons of the American Revolution, meeting in the Old South Meeting House, Boston, unanimously resolved to complete the fund for the erection of the Massachusetts Bay in the "Cloister of the Colonies." Two years before this Society, on the resolution of Mr. D. L. V. Moffet, determined to appropriate $500 for this purpose, and the balance was to be raised by subscription. The committee appointed for this work, consisting of Mr. Charles F. Read, the Rev. Lewis and Mr. John M. Merriam worked zealously for the completion of the fund of $2000 required for the Bay, and the Society by its action on Lexington Day completed the fund.

Every effort is being made to have the Bay ready for completion on Evacuation Day, June 19, as the other bays have been dedicated on this Valley Forge anniversary. The foundations are in and the work is complete to the floor line. Mr. William M. Sullivan who has the contract for the cut stone has part of the tracery windows cut. This will be the corner bay, and will complete the facade of the Cloister. By the action of the Sons of the American Revolution Massachusetts will be the first New England Colony to be represented in this memorial of patriotism.

On Saturday, April 17, the Chapel Choir was entertained by the Washington Chapel Guild. The afternoon was spent most pleasantly in games and other forms of amusement, and a most bountiful supply of good things was of course a feature of the Guild's afternoon. The work of our choristers is appreciated not only by the congregation, but by our numerous visitors. The work requires self-denial and perseverance, and these are no more lacking at Valley Forge now than they were in '77 and '78.

Valley Forge Park Commission.

Governor Stuart has reappointed the members of the Valley Forge Park Commission, so the work for Valley Forge will be carried on along the present lines. Mr. W. H. Sayen is the President and Mr. W. H. Bowen will continue his work as superintendent. All applications for the use of the Park picnic grounds should be made to Mr. Boen, whose address is New Centreville, Pa.

The supper given by the Bartram Club on Saturday, May 1, was another success and the boys and their helpers are to be congratulated on the amount of money raised and on the supper which was served. Our boys deserve the encouragement which has been given to them, and they are happy in having such a good coworker as Mr. Finn. The base ball field back of the Chapel has been plowed and rolled, and is fast becoming just what the baseball players, want it to be. The new suits are eagerly expected.

Nearly eighty dollars were realized and they now have sufficient funds to buy suits for three nines.

About forty boys have been enrolled from the countryside, and their marching orders hark back to something of the spirit of '76: "No cheating, no swearing, speak true for Jesus."

Miss Carrie Bolton, of Norristown, has presented to the Chapel a life size portrait of Washington. The painting has been torn, but otherwise is in good condition. Nothing is known of its history, save that it can be traced back for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rumford are now comfortably established at the Chapel, and the congregation and visitors approve the plan of having the caretakers in residence. They do their work well and all who visit the Chapel can depend on being shown every courtesy.

Our Civil War collection has been increased by the following articles given by Miss Lilla S. Pechin, of Philadelphia: A section of the trunk of a cedar tree from Culp's Hill, with bullet imbedded; a grape shot, two bullets, a Union boss and a Confederate buckle, all found on the field at Gettysburg. Mr. Abner H. Gehman has given a piece of wood, also from Culp's Hill, on which are mounted a piece of bayonet from the Bloody Angle, a piece of shell from the Devil's Den, a Union bullet found in the peach orchard, and a Confederate bullet found on Seminary Ridge. Mr. Gehman brought these from Gettysburg over twenty years ago.

"To George Washington nearly alone in modern times, had it been given to accomplish a wonderful revolution, and yet to remain to all future time the theme of a people's gratitude and an example of virtuous and beneficent power."—Lord John Russell.

Mr. Frank Quigg has given a patent for eleven lots of ground conveyed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Dr. Barnabas Binney in 1786. He, his heirs and assigns forever are to pay therefor "on the 1st of September, in every year hereafter ONE ACORN, if the same shall be demanded."

"My brave fellows, let no sensation of satisfaction for the triumphs you have gained induce you to insult your fallen enemy. Let no shouting, no clamorous huzzahing, increase their mortification. Posterity will huzzah for us."—Washington's Address to his Troops at the Surrender of Yorktown.

The Rummage Sale held April 23d and 24th, met with its usual success. Everything donated was sold and much more could have been. Mrs. Charles Wells Walker and Miss Crawford, who have charge of the sales, make an earnest plea to all friends of the chapel to begin collecting now for the Fall Sale. Mr. Quigg very generously placed the Patterson residence at their disposal.

"Mighty captains and leaders of nations like Washington are, after all, safe from belittling detraction. In their solid broad-based greatness they stand like Egyptian pyramids, defying time and change, and human impertinence and impiety. Critical cads and petty iconoclasts may scrawl inanities upon them, and clip tons of paper weights from off them, without causing serious defacement or appreciative loss. They are granite, they are porphyry."—Grace Greenwood.